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REPORT

Date August 23, 1938

Subject Communication dated 15-8-38 from the Netherlands Consulate-General concerning Miss M.I. Stepanenko.

Made by D.S.I. Prokofiev. Forwarded by [illegible]

Miss Maria Ivanovna STEPANENKO, Russian, born on July 8, 1909 at Harbin. She arrived in Shanghai in November, 1930 from Harbin where, according to her own statement, she had worked in a pharmacy for a short period as an apprentice pharmacist. In Shanghai she is reported to have been employed as a dancing partner in the Del Monte Cafe. For the past few years she appears to have been cohabiting with a certain Dr. Karl Elster, M.D., an Austrian or German of Jewish origin, who has his offices at 170 Kiangsi Road (Hamilton House) and resides at 1202 Avenue Joffre.

It is believed that after a short stay with friends in the Netherlands Indies Miss Stepanenko will join Dr. Elster in Hongkong where their marriage is planned to take place, after which they will return to Shanghai.

Miss Stepanenko's father is reported to have left Harbin for the U.S.S.R. in 1922 and her mother, Mrs M.V. Krotoff, divorcee, resides at 172 Rue Amiral Courbet.

Miss Stepanenko is registered with the Russian Emigrants' Committee, 118 Moulmein Road.

Nothing detrimental is known by this office regarding her.

A. Prokofiev
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CONSULAAT-GENERAAL DER NEDERLANDEN
VOOR MIDDEN-CHINA.
TEL. AD. HOLLANDIA.

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No.2449. SHANGHAI. 25th August 1938.

Sir,

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.D.8683 dated the 24th instant regarding Miss Marie Ivanovna Stepanenko and to thank you for the information contained therein.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Consul-General.

The Deputy Commissioner
Special Branch, Shanghai Municipal Police,
SHANGHAI.

August 24 38.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 2346 dated August 15, 1938, and in reply to inform you that there is nothing in Municipal Police records detrimental to the character of Miss Marie Ivanovna Stepanenko. A copy of report is attached.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner
(Special Branch)

The Consul-General,

Netherlands Consulate-General,

Shanghai.

CONSULAAT-GENERAAL DER NEDERLANDEN
VOOR MIDDEN-CHINA.
TEL. AD. HOLLANDIA.

No.2346.

SHANGHAI, 15th August 1938.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that Miss Marie Ivanovna Stepanenko has applied to this Consulate General for a visé for admission into the Netherlands Indies.

Miss Stepanenko is in possession of a registration certificate issued by the Police of the French Concession on the 4th February 1938, under No.911.

According to this certificate she was born at Harbin on July 8th, 1909, her profession stated to be a pharmacist.

She intends to visit some friends in the Netherlands Indies and in case a visé will be granted to her she will apply for a passport with the Nansen Immigrant Committee.

Her residence is at 1202 Avenue Joffre, apartment 56.

I should be greatly obliged to you if you would let me know, if possible, whether anything is known against this person from a political or moral point of view.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Consul-General.

The Deputy Commissioner
Special Branch, Shanghai Municipal Police,
SHANGHAI.

D.S.P. Prokofiev
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